

LIBRARY

And School at the Moundsville Penitentiary.

HOW WARDEN HAWK MANAGES

To Awaken New Hopes and Better Ideals in the Minds of His Wards. How Prisoners Fare—Library and School Established With Good Results—Bloodhounds Kept at the Prison, and Used For Capturing Escaped Convicts.

Washington Star: Twelve colored prisoners were taken from this city Monday night and delivered to Warden S. A. Hawk at the Moundsville (West Virginia) penitentiary. There are now in the penitentiary 144 persons who were sent there for offenses committed in this city. Warden Hawk denies a story printed several weeks ago that because of the crowded condition of the institution he will soon have to stop taking District prisoners. It is true, he says, that the number of prisoners is rather large, nearly 700, but by putting two men in each cell he will be able to accommodate many more. The District prisoners in the penitentiary were sent there since February 24 of last year.

The West Virginia Prison.

The Moundsville penitentiary is the West Virginia state prison, although United States prisoners from several states are sent there from time to time. In the main building there are five hundred cells, in which there is room for two bunks. Unless there is a large number of prisoners in the institution only each man is given a cell to himself. Besides his cot he has a stool and is permitted to have decorations in the shape of pictures on the walls. It so happens that there are several sets of brothers in the prison at this time and each of the couples is put in a cell together. Besides the numbers of the cells the names of the occupants are put on each door—both, where there are two in a cell. There are tags attached also, where the occupant is on the black list or where he has some incurable disease. Prisoners when black-listed are not permitted the usual enjoyments of the prison.

Warden S. A. Hawk is a man whose ideas of humane treatment are at variance with those of many men holding similar positions in other institutions. While he demands that a strict discipline shall be maintained at all times, he treats the convicts well and does everything in his power to remind them that they have a future.

Manual of Instructions.

Each prisoner is furnished a manual upon his arrival at the prison, and if he is unable to read its contents are read to him. In the first place, he is informed by the manual:

"This is a penal institution, consequently a place of restraint, discipline and deprivation. Yet this penitentiary may be made not solely, nor even chiefly, a place of punishment, but rather one of reformation and help, a place which shall afford advantages more or less as the inmate by his conduct proves himself worthy of enjoying.

"There must be rules and regulations in order to maintain that which is just and fair and for the best interest of each and every one.

"A prompt and cheerful obedience to the rules will help every one and enable each individual to secure the greatest possible advantages for himself and all the pleasure and comfort that can be had within prison walls.

"Helps and privileges which, if rightly used, will be increased, but if abused will be withheld.

"You are at all times to remember that you have been adjudged guilty of the crime for which you were convicted and sentenced here by a competent court, and that this management has no right to infer that you are not guilty."

The manual also informs the prisoners of offenses against the laws of the state which they can commit while serving in prison. Penalties are prescribed for assaults, murder, defacing property and escaping.

Library and School.

An interesting feature of the prison is the establishment of a library and school. This is a new departure, and while the library is not yet two months old, Warden Hawk already sees good

THE FIRST BABY.

On Coming is Looked Forward to With Both Joy and Fear and Its Safe Arrival is Hailed With Pride and Delight by All.

The arrival of the first baby in the household is the happiest and most important event of married life. The young wife who is to become a mother delights to think of the happiness in store for her when the little one shall nestle upon her breast and latterly she shall hear it lip the sweet and holy name, "mother." Both her happy anticipation quickly vanishes when she realizes the terrible pain and suffering through which she must pass while bringing the little one into the world. An indescribable fear of the danger attendant upon the ordeal soon disappears her joyfulness.

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NERVES DESTROYED BY CATARRH.



Mr. Robert B. Mantell, the Great Romantic Actor.

Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio:

Dear Sir—The bottle of Peruna at hand. It is splendid and most invigorating; refreshing to the nerves and brain. It is one of the best tonics I have ever used. It makes me feel like a new man. Yours sincerely, R. B. Mantell.

Catarrh is one of the ways in which a depressed condition of the nervous system shows itself. Catarrhal people are soon made nervous. Any remedy to effect a radical cure of chronic catarrh must operate directly through the nerves, invigorating the mucous circulation.

results. It was not until the library was established that the prisoners realized the amount of good it would do them. The 29th of January circular letters were sent to publishers as well as to citizens of the state of West Virginia, requesting contributions, with the result that there are now fully 10,000 volumes in the cases, including magazines. Some of the West Virginia newspapers also send copies of exchanges to the prison each week, and these papers are very acceptable.

The West Virginia senators and Representatives Dovenor, Freer and Dayton were among those who contributed so generously to the library. One valuable collection was donated by the son of the deceased pastor of a Presbyterian church at Wheeling. The books represented a collection that was made during the fifty years their owner was pastor of the church. His son, anxious to carry out the wishes of his father with reference to the library, thought the penitentiary was the most worthy charity.

The library, which is also used as a school room, is on the second floor of the building in which the dining room and kitchen are located. A counter extends across the room in front of the book cases, while near the center of the room there is a handsome table which was made by one of the convicts. It is built of mahogany, ash and oak, and contains about nine hundred pieces of wood. Smaller tables are placed about the room, and it is about these tables the prisoners sit while attending school. While plans for the library were being discussed Warden Hawk concluded he would appoint Roddy O'Meara, a Washington prisoner, to serve as librarian. O'Meara is an intelligent man, who seems particularly well adapted to the work, and suggestions made by him proved to be very acceptable.

When the room had been fitted up and the contributions of books received, Warden Hawk notified the prisoners by sending each a circular, which set forth its objects, and included a copy of its rules.

Talk With the Librarian.

In conversation with a Star reporter Librarian O'Meara said the prisoners from this city are, as a rule, brighter and more intelligent than those from the states, and are not so much in need of education as are many others.

During the time the library and school have been in operation only one prisoner has been reported for a violation of the rules, and he merely marked a book. While at school, the librarian said, the prisoners are attentive, and all seem anxious to get the benefit of the teaching. The school is made up of classes of thirty, and one class is under instruction each night. Arithmetic, spelling and writing are taught. Of the prisoners in the penitentiary there are 210 illiterates—120 colored and ninety white. School is held six nights of each week. The exemplary prisoners are permitted to visit the library Sunday afternoons and read. At night reading in the cells until 9 o'clock is permitted.

The Prison Fare.

The meals are served in a dining room—not in the cells—and are believed to be as good as those served in any prison in the country. The men get up in time for breakfast at 6:30 o'clock, and when this meal is finished they go to the workshop. Butter is served twice a day at meals and soup twice a week. Good, wholesome food is supplied, and the prisoners are given as much as they want to eat. Sundays, at dinner, extras are served. The bill of fare at this meal always includes roast beef, and during the winter season mince pie forms the dessert. Dinner is served at noon, and the last meal is ready shortly after 4 o'clock, when the day's work is over. Nine hours constitutes a day's work, and cash is paid when the men make overtime. In one shop nearly two hundred men operate sewing machines in making trousers for a New York firm. Leather goods are made in another building. Whips and nets for horses are the principal articles manufactured.

There is also an immense broom factory in connection with the prison and a shop in which female wearing apparel is made. The convicts form in companies and drill in the grounds after working hours.

Warden Hawk has a novel way of punishing those who violate the rules, in addition to giving them clothing distinct from those worn by the others. The method is to give the prisoners who have earned punishment nothing but bread and water on Sundays, and

they are required to do their eating in the big dining room, where they can see the others disposing of the roast meat and mince pie. Reading in the cells is permitted each evening until 9 o'clock, when the lights are extinguished and they are required to retire for the night.

Condemned Murderers. The death house in which condemned murderers are confined and executed is a decided improvement over the cells at the local jail. Four large cells are provided for such persons, and the guard who is serving at the death watch is able to see what is going on in all of them. In a small room adjoining this is the place where the executions occur. The condemned man does not see the spectators until he steps upon the platform. Electric signals are used by the warden, and it is not known who presses the button that sends the trap from beneath the condemned man, for there is a live and dead wire used, and nobody knows which connects the different wires. Bloodhounds are kept at the prison for use in the event of a convict making his escape.

There is in one building a drug store, a doctor's office and hospital. While the general health of the prisoners is good, there is occasionally a death among them. Last year out of a total of seven hundred prisoners, there were only six deaths. It is a noticeable fact that Washington prisoners fill many important positions in all parts of the institution.

Charters Issued.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 20.—Charters have been issued here by the secretary of state to the following:

Andover Coal & Coke Company, of Sewell, Fayette county, composed of J. A. McGuffin, of Sewell; C. T. Jones, of Red Star; F. E. Walker, of Don Loup, and A. P. Gibson and J. B. McGuffin, of Bissell. The subscribed capital is \$35,000, 10 per cent paid up, and authorized capital is \$150,000.

The Century Glass Company, of Bellaire, Ohio, composed of J. A. Miller, Curtis B. Brown, Louis Bertchky, Charles H. Taney and S. P. Norton, of Wheeling, and Achilles Klotz, Melvin L. Blackburn, George Walters, and J. A. Gallaher, of Bellaire. The subscribed capital is \$1,000; authorized capital, \$500,000.

The Equator Mining & Smelting Co., of Jerome, Arizona Territory, composed of Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, and others.

340,000 ACRES

Of Coal and Timber Land Sold to a Mansfield, O., Syndicate.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 20.—The Gordon lands, embracing 340,000 acres and lying on the ridges between Cabin creek, Coal river and Paint creek, in Kanawha, Fayette and Raleigh counties, have been sold to C. H. Voegle and Charles Ackermann, as trustees for a syndicate of Mansfield, O., parties. The price paid is \$340,000. The lands were the property of Basil B. Gordon and Douglas H. Gordon, of Baltimore. They are underlaid with coal and covered with virgin forest, both of which resources will be developed on an extensive scale. The opening of the coal will create a new and distinctive coal field.

The Pain Creek railroad, which is now under construction, runs up the boundary line of the Gordon tract. Later, it will probably traverse it, a distance of fourteen miles.

Governor Remits a Fine.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 20.—Governor Atkinson has remitted a fine of \$25 which was imposed on Noah H. Hale, in Jefferson county, in 1895. Hale had an old pistol, which he took to a hardware store to have repaired. Some one saw it, and a warrant was sworn out for his arrest. He was tried before a justice of the peace, and, being too ignorant to make a defense, was convicted. These facts were brought to the attention of the governor and the fine was remitted.

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PRESIDENT KRUGER.

Wants Peace, But Independence as Well—Says the Boers are in God's Hands and Will Not be Permitted to Perish.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A dispatch to the Herald from Pretoria, dated February 16, says:

Your correspondent has just had an interview with President Kruger. He shows but little evidence in his countenance of the tremendous strain he is undergoing.

"This war was forced upon us by England, which has been misled by Cecil Rhodes and the millionaires who want the country," he said. "The Boers yielded as far as possible, until they saw that nothing but complete surrender of their independence would satisfy England."

"Having been forced into the war, the Boers will conquer or die. I expect no aid from other nations, but we are glad of sympathy and friendship. The Transvaal is willing to make peace at any time, but we want no more conventions. Only absolute independence is possible. We do not want more territory, but are content with our present frontier, if we are permitted to live peacefully. This is all we ask."

"The Transvaal will stipulate in the peace terms that Natal and Cape Colony Dutch now fighting with the Boers shall be all added as belligerents and suffer no loss of property. I learned that some of these men had been captured and were being tried at Cape Town, charged with treason. This government cabled to Lord Salisbury, stating that if such men were not treated as prisoners of war we would make reprisals on the British prisoners held here. Lord Salisbury replied, dodging the real point, and threatening if we injured a single British prisoner to hold me personally responsible. I suppose he meant the British would hang me. Such threats are contemptible and cannot prevent me from performing my duty to my country. The Transvaal government replied to-day informing Lord Salisbury that they despise his threats."

"It is too early to prophesy the outcome of the war or its duration. The Boers are in God's hands and He will not let us perish. Our total fighting strength is but forty thousand, but with God's aid we can prevail. I have two hundred blood relatives fighting, and would rather see them all perish than yield to England's unholy aggression. It is liberty or death. I have protected British property in the Transvaal and shall continue to do so."

"Convey to the American people my esteem. We feel that every American should be with us in this struggle for liberty."

GERMANY

Protecting American Missionaries in Chinese Provinces.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

It developed to-day that Germany stands ready with troops to protect American missionaries in Shans Tung province.

It was further ascertained that the Berlin government, to the gratification of the United States, recently dispatched an expeditionary force from Kiaochow to Ichou-Fu for the protection of American missionaries. This force suppressed the rioters at Ichou-Fu, arrested the ring leaders who have been punished and taught the anti-foreign crusaders a salutary lesson.

The state department has been informed that the German government contemplates another expeditionary force to the interior of Shan Tung, where most of the American missions are located, but it fully understands the willingness of the German authorities to take such action. In fact, I learned in a high diplomatic quarter that the German governor at Kiaochow has standing instructions to take such measures for the protection not only of German missionaries and other interests in Shan Tung province, as may seem necessary, but of American missionaries as well.

Because of the peculiar relation in which Germany stands to the province of Shan Tung, by reason of her acquisition of Kiaochow and of certain property rights in the promontory, she is particularly desirous of preserving order in the territory.

The fact that Germany dispatched troops to Ichou-Fu to protect American missionaries, has never hitherto been published. The offer of Germany to send a force to this point was received with pleasure by the authorities, who do not contemplate any designs whatever on Chinese territory, who are consequently very glad to assent to the German proposition.

Minister Wu Ting Fang, the diplomatic representative of China here, is inclined to look upon the reports of trouble in China as exaggerated.

Sugar Advanced.

NEW YORK, March 19.—All grades of refined sugar have been advanced five cents per hundred pounds, and raw 1-16c per pound.

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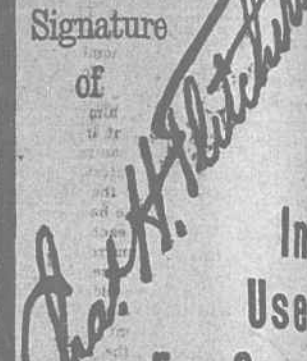
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